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**From:** Belknap, Andra  
**Sent:** Mon 3/10/2014 7:23:05 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Wall Street Journal on West Lake Landfill

Randy -- I need your input ASAP

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**From:** Whitley, Christopher  
**Sent:** Monday, March 10, 2014 3:21:54 PM  
**To:** Belknap, Andra; Deitz, Randy; Cohen, Nancy  
**Subject:** RE: Wall Street Journal on West Lake Landfill

I can only vouch for the accuracy of the third paragraph. Not in a position here to support or refute the first two paragraphs—I will defer to those of you at HQ.

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**From:** Belknap, Andra  
**Sent:** Monday, March 10, 2014 2:10 PM  
**To:** Deitz, Randy; Cohen, Nancy; Whitley, Christopher  
**Subject:** RE: Wall Street Journal on West Lake Landfill

Here's some language to start with. Thoughts?

EPA has no information to support the assertion of this piece.

EPA headquarters and regional representatives regularly participate in meetings of the National Remedy Review Board (NRRB). Collaboration between Superfund experts across the country is key to effective decision-making.

It's important to note that conditions in the Bridgeton community remain protective of human health. EPA and its partners are committed to ensuring that the community is protected from the nuclear waste that was dumped illegally at West Lake four decades ago.

**From:** Deitz, Randy  
**Sent:** Monday, March 10, 2014 2:29 PM  
**To:** Belknap, Andra; Cohen, Nancy; Whitley, Christopher  
**Subject:** RE: Wall Street Journal on West Lake Landfill

I will draft something.

**From:** Belknap, Andra  
**Sent:** Monday, March 10, 2014 1:38 PM  
**To:** Deitz, Randy; Cohen, Nancy; Whitley, Christopher  
**Subject:** Fw: Wall Street Journal on West Lake Landfill

Randy and Nancy -- can you two work up a quick statement on this?

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**From:** Whitley, Christopher  
**Sent:** Monday, March 10, 2014 12:55:49 PM  
**To:** Belknap, Andra  
**Subject:** FW: Wall Street Journal on West Lake Landfill

Andra,

Kevin Killeen, of KMOX Radio in St. Louis, is seeking EPA's reaction to the WSJ piece. His telephone number is 314-444-3234, and he is on deadline for today.

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**From:** Johnson, Alisha  
**Sent:** Monday, March 10, 2014 10:54 AM  
**To:** Whitley, Christopher; Belknap, Andra  
**Cc:** Carey, Curtis; Thomas, Hattie; Peterson, Mary  
**Subject:** RE: Wall Street Journal on West Lake Landfill

Yes, please direct to Andra. Thanks.

**From:** Whitley, Christopher  
**Sent:** Monday, March 10, 2014 11:53 AM  
**To:** Johnson, Alisha; Belknap, Andra  
**Cc:** Carey, Curtis; Thomas, Hattie; Peterson, Mary  
**Subject:** Wall Street Journal on West Lake Landfill

Alisha and Andra,

FYI – So far, we have one local media outlet (KMOX Radio, St. Louis) asking for reaction/comment on the WSJ story. Suspect we may have additional similar requests as the day goes forward. Do you wish for us to direct those to you?

The story:

**Wall Street Journal - EPA Said to Seek Softer Review of Dump | Agency Might Be Concerned About Cost Of Moving Nuclear Waste, Some Say** - 3/9/14 - An EPA review board was pressured by officials at the agency to soften its challenges to an EPA plan for dealing with a highly contaminated

radioactive waste site in this St. Louis suburb

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